GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PERMITS FOR IMPORT OF FRUITS ETC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to make the `import permit` mandatory for the import of fruit, seeds and plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said decision is likely to be made effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): For seeds and plants meant for propagation and sowing, provision for import permit in the Plants, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 1989 hasalready been there. However, the Government have issued a notification dated 1.5.2001 to make requirement of import permit mandatory for the import of plants and fruits for consumption also. However cut-flower, garlands, bouquets, fruits & vegetables weighing less than two kilograms for personal consumption are exempted from import permit. The said Notification came into effect from 1.6.2001.

Mushroom Spawn Culture by 100% export oriented units & tissue culture materialsof any plant origin & flower seeds continue to be imported without permit as provided in the notifications dated 16th July, 1993 and 11th October, 1993 respectively.